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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to FILING OF AMENDMENT & TERMINAL DISCLAIMER OF 2/2/95
- ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
- ☒ The allowed claims are 1-45, 51, 52, 54-92 (renumbered 1-86)
- ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received. ☐ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application Serial No. _____, filed on _____.
- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
- ☐ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
- ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- ☒ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
- ☒ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- ☒ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
 - ☒ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached ~~hereto~~ to Paper No. 11. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - ☒ Format drawings are now REQUIRED.

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Attachments:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413 | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited, PTO-892 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
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**NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE
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☐ Note attached communication from the Examiner

☐ This notice is issued in view of applicant's communication filed _____

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TITLE OF INVENTION POST LATCHING SYSTEMS

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
3 195210150	070-024.000	2	E24 UTILITY	YES	\$405.00	08/02/95

**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIES ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT.
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- B. If the Status is the same, pay the FEE DUE shown above.

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Part III REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: The terminal disclaimer filed 2/2/95 is proper and obviates the double patenting rejections. Furthermore, the supplemental disclosure statement has been considered and the corresponding pages of the original IDS have been corrected, initialed and, copies are sent herewith. With regard to Applicant's amendment and arguments, it is clear that the newly submitted claims 89-92 are allowable over the prior art of record since they have merely been rewritten in independent form. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 70, in particular, are persuasive. It is agreed that the Baynes reference does not teach the structural limitations set forth in the claims and pointed out in the arguments. Accordingly, claims 1-45, 51, 52, 54-92 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne Dino whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.

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